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E.O. 12065: GDS 2-14-85 (AMSTUTZ, J. BRUCE) OR-M

SUBJECT: MURDER OF AMBASSADOR DUBS: PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS:

SITREP NO. 14

1. ACCORDING TO OUR RMO DR. ROTZ, AMBASSADOR DUBS DIED AT
1305 HOURS KABUL TIME, FEBRUARY 14

2. IT IS NOW 1350 HOURS AND UP TO THIS MOMENT WE HAVE HEARD
NOTHING FROM THE DRA EXPRESSING REGRET OR ANY COMMENT
WHATSOEVER ABOUT THE INCIDENT. I FEEL THEIR ACTIONS TO DATE
HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY DEPLORABLE. NOT ONLY DID THEY CONSI-
TENTLY DISREGARD OUR PLEAS TO TAKE NO FORCED ACTION, IN CONTRA-
VENTION OF THEIR EARLIER PROMISES THAT THEY WOULD REFRAIN FROM
ANY SUCH ACTION, BUT THEY HAVE IN MY VIEW ACTED CALLOUSLY
THROUGHOUT THIS AFFAIR.

3. TWO THINGS STRIKE ME FORCIBLY ABOUT THE DRAS HANDLING OF THIS
MATTER. ONE IS THAT THE POLICE AT THE HOTEL AND APPARENTLY TAROON
IN THE INTERIOR MINISTRY WERE BEING ADVISED (IF NOT UNDER THE
COMMAND) OF SOVIET ADVISORS. WE DO NOT KNOW OF COURSE WHAT EXACT
ADVICE WAS GIVEN BY THE SOVIETS BUT IT IS TEMPTING TO CONCLUDE
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IT WAS FOR PRECIPITOUS ACTION.

4. THE OTHER FACTOR IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT SEEMED HELLBENT IN
CRUSHING THE TERRORISTS FOR INTERNAL POLITICAL REASONS
IRRESPECTIVE OF THE RISKS THIS MIGHT ENTAIL FOR AMBASSADOR DUBS.

5. I REALIZE THAT I AM DICTATING THIS IN THE HEAT OF EMOTION AND

A FULLER, LATER MORE DISPASSIONATE REPORT MAY THROW A SOMEWHAT
DIFFERENT LIGHT ON THE MATTER. MEANWHILE WE ARE PROCEEDING TO
PREPARE A DETAILED ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WHAT OCCURRED ON
THIS TRAGIC DAY.
AMSTUTZ

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